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1. "All enemies who want to impede the reconstruction of Eastern Germany must be rendered harmless even if the American General Howley should take them under his protection. Before long we'll make it so hot for these people they won't know whether they are coming or going.
2. "In order to achieve this goal all means must be considered justified. Since now the Church in the East Zone is beginning to allow itself to be exploited by the Western imperialists as their trumpet, we must see to it that these comedians of heaven lose all desire for such activity. In the camps of the East Zone there is still enough room available to organize additional labor companies composed of these black brothers whom physical work will induce once and for all to quit inciting against us and against the SMA, people who even today are gullible enough to listen to them.
3. "Why would it not be possible to arrange a "Minszentny case" in our zone in order to get peace once and for all from this black brood? The SMA assured us that it will give its full help toward achieving this end. The people's police will play a special role in this. Every section chief (Abteilungsleiter) of the GAI must do his utmost to cleanse the Soviet Zone and Germany of saboteurs and spies. Thus alone can a socialistic, democratic and united Germany march side by side with the Soviet Union in the fight

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Communist and terrorist aroused conjecture at the time that his appointment to the GAI heralded an intensification of police terror against non-conformist elements in the Russian Zone. Zaissner's sharp attack on the Roman Catholic Church may be the prelude to an anti-church campaign similar to that in the satellites. It is unlikely that Zaissner was speaking out of turn.

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